(c) Drop-out rates have been declining since the launch of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. It declined from 34.9% in 2002-03 to 29.0% in 2004-05.

Basic facilities in primary education

3391. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools concerned in Primary Education in the country as on 31st March, 2007 without the basic facilities/infrastructure such as toilets, roofless buildings, drinking water, play grounds, manpower including teachers, etc.;

(b) the number of schools out of them, belonging to Government and local bodies leaving others to private concerns; and

(c) whether there will be a time-frame to ensure such facilities; if so, by when and the resources required to provide such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Out of 818758 Government schools and 147245 private schools, the number of schools without common toilet, girls toilet, water facility, playground, schools, with roofless buildings and schools with single teacher as on 31.3.2007, are as under:—

	Without common toilet	Without girls toilet	Without water facility	Without playground	Schools with roofless	Single techer schools
Government schools	423948	576185	144152	446507	32487	160797
Private schools	44874					

(c) SSA is incrementally adding to Government primary & upper primary school infrastructure through the sanction of 183461 school buildings, 692678 additional class rooms, 1012103 teachers, 253041 toilets and 170267 drinking water facilities upto 2006-07. The latter two categories of school infrastructure are also being addressed under the National Total

Sanitation Programme and the Drinking Water Misssion respectively, in convergence with SSA.

Online education at Ills and llMs

3392. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Institutes like NTs and IIMs are preparing to offer online education for Indian students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of co-operation provided by Government for providing online education in the country so far; and

(d) how much benefit of online education will be accured by the students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHTIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Univeralisation of Mid-Day Meal

3393 MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government propose to universalize the Mid-Day-Meal at least in tribal areas of Central India:

(b) whether Government are aware that more than 50 per cent children in primary schools do not get Mid-Day Meal specially the more deserving ones in tribal areas an in rural areas; and

(c) by when this situation will be rectified, the details of future proposals by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Mid-Day Meal programme is being implemented to cover children studying in classes l—V of Government Aided and local body schools and also centres run under the Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) across the country.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.